

was going to give some helicopters, which, as you know, he's done. And this morning was the first I have been informed of that. So we're going to discuss that today and make a decision.

Abortion

Q. Is abortion a litmus test for a Supreme Court nominee? Is that the whole issue?

The President. Now, the question as you ask it contains a thousand questions. And I wouldn't say no, and a thousand questions no. Do I believe that there is a constitutional right to privacy? Yes, I do.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:55 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House upon departure for Atlanta, GA. In his remarks, he referred to President François Mitterrand of France.

Statement on the Retirement of Supreme Court Justice Byron R. White

March 19, 1993

This morning I received a letter from Justice Byron White informing me that he intends to retire at the end of the current Supreme Court term.

He is a living example of the American dream fulfilled. He came from humble beginnings, was a star college and professional athlete, a Rhodes scholar, a prominent private attorney, and Deputy Attorney General at one of the most important times in our history before joining the Court in 1962. In his 31 years on the Supreme Court, Justice White served his country and our Constitution well. We are all more fortunate that he devoted the great portion of his life to public service.

Announcement of Nomination for Four Sub-Cabinet Posts

March 19, 1993

President Clinton announced today his choices for four senior positions at the Departments of Veterans Affairs, State, and Housing and Urban Development. He ex-

pressed his intention to nominate the following:

Jerry Bowen, Director, National Cemetery Systems, Department of Veterans Affairs;

Mark Catlett, Assistant Secretary for Finance and Information Resources Management, Department of Veterans Affairs;

Daniel Tarullo, Assistant Secretary for Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; and

Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I am very pleased with the pace of the nominations that we have been making," said the President. "This week alone, I have named more than 30 people to fill important positions in the day-to-day operations of the Federal Government," he added.

NOTE: Biographies of the nominees were made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 15

The White House announced that Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa will visit the White House on April 16 for a meeting and working lunch.

March 16

In the morning, the President met with congressional leaders and later with Senators from western States.

March 17

In the morning, the President met with the governing board of the Electronics Industry Association.

In the afternoon, the President and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of Ireland attended